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TO : E J
FROM : E J
SUBJECT: Status and Disposition of Greenwood Property and Installations.
REF : KARLG 2997

1. In regard to the above referenced cable, concerning the status of the fifteen transmission towers at the Greenwood site and the buildings and other property at site, we are now awaiting a reply.

2. In connection with the future of Greenwood, there is attached a report submitted by E J, who has been in charge of all administrative phases of the Greenwood Project, including the construction of towers and buildings.

3. Regardless of the decision reached by you concerning the question of dismantling or replacing the transmission towers, it is our present intention to retain possession of the buildings and the area immediately surrounding them. We have in mind that possibly these buildings and area can later be used for operational purposes in connection with our own future activities or other activities activated by you in the future in this theatre. On the otherhand, if future developments do not warrant our retaining the property and the military authorities are interested in taking possession of it, we could then consider releasing the property. With regard to the list of non-expendable equipment attached to E J's report, we intend to return this equipment to Army Quartermaster as soon as possible, with the exception of certain items retained for use by one or two caretakers who will be assigned with the guarding of the buildings.

4. In connection with this problem of establishing a caretaking guard for the buildings, it is probable that one of the guards who have been assigned to the project will remain on the property as a caretaker, making his living quarters in the building with his family.

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5. It should be pointed out that the recommendation in the above referenced cable that the towers be dismantled and returned to the Army Security Agency was contingent upon there being virtually no possibility of using the Greenwood site as an operational radio transmission base. As pointed out in []'s report, the dismantling of the towers will of course require a number of weeks and considerable technical assistance from the Army. In addition, if [] returns to the United States for reassignment around 15 January, his departure will deprive us of the one man who has had experience in tower construction at the Greenwood site. His departure will also require us to assign one of our people to the dismantling crew, at least on a part-time basis, to supervise the dismantling work.

6. If it is decided to dismantle the towers, it will probably be advisable to inquire through the proper Army channels whether any military activities in the theatre can use the towers as now erected or in any modified form. If the Army can find a practical use for the site and towers, we could then consider releasing the entire property, subject to your approval, and supplying the Army Security Agency with replacement towers not later than the 1 April deadline.

Encl:

Greenwood Report of 27 Dec. 48.

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